

AHCCCS NPI Key Updates

June 2007

- As previously shared, the October Encounter cycle included the addition of an *optional* NPI field and related PMMIS system logic. From this point until submissions on and after the required compliance date, NPI's can be optionally submitted on encounters. For submissions on or after the compliance date NPI's will be required as applicable.
- CMS has elected to allow for an NPI Enforcement delay not exceed May 23, 2008, to allow for ongoing testing and outreach efforts and to ensure no disruption in payment. AHCCCS specific NPI Enforcement contingency information is available on the AHCCCS website.
- A current listing of Provider Type to NPI requirements is available on the AHCCCS Website.
- In February and March an initial series and in April and May a follow-up series of individual Health Plan/Program Contractor NPI 1-1 meetings with Health Plan/Program Contractor staff were conducted to discuss contingency planning, current and proposed outreach efforts, testing, challenges and opportunities. We are available to participate in these types of meetings as requested by the Health Plans/Program Contractors at any time.
- As requested in a NPI Consortium meeting last fall, AHCCCS prepared an – AHCCCS NPI Fact Sheet. This document was distributed in the January Consortium meeting in its final form. A subsequent request resulted in the development of a single page version focused on provider submission of NPI information (a copy of this document is attached). Both of these documents are posted to the AHCCCS website and may be used in whole or part by any Health Plan or Program Contractor. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, etc for future updates.
- Reminder – AHCCCS will now accept NPI information directly from Health Plans/Program Contractors either via the Health Plan Provider Affiliation process or the new Health Plan NPI information reporting form.
- Beginning March 1st, AHCCCS requires that all new registrations of “covered” providers include the provider's assigned NPI, prior to completion of the registration process.
- Beginning February 1st, 2007, AHCCCS began the production of the FTP provider file on a weekly basis. This is intended to provide Health Plans and Program Contractors with the most current NPI information on file for all AHCCCS providers.

- In early June AHCCCS completed and distributed reports to all Health Plans/Program Contractors of your top 500 submitters based upon encounter data submissions for the previous 6 months. This information will be distributed bi-monthly to allow you to track current status of NPI information related to your top providers and to provide you with an additional tool to help facilitate targeted outreach.
- Health Plan/Program Contractor NPI Contingency Status Tracking reports will be due the 15th of each month and need to be submitted timely upon. Reminder - We also need to know if the key NPI contact persons within your organizations change, so that we ensure that we are communicating to the appropriate parties.
- We will continue to work with each health plan individually on testing efforts, and will make a limited set of control group scenarios available for inclusion in your testing with AHCCCS if desired.